Revision of Desk Officer Allowance

1362. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Desk Officers of CSS are still drawing their Desk Officer Allowance at pre-revised rates;

(b) if so, since when the revision is due and whether Government consider the time period being taken by it to decide the matter as reasonable; and

(c) by when the issue is likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Desk Officers are still drawing the Desk Allowance at the pre-revised rates. The issue was examined by a Committee of Secretaries constituted to consider some exceptional issues arising from the recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission on a fast track basis. The report of this Committee has been examined in consultation with the concerned Department and all various levels and the final decision is now expected to be taken shortly. The revised quantum of Desk Allowance, as decided, will be made applicable from a retrospective date.

Appointment on compassionate ground

1363. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appointments on compassionate ground pending in Ministries, Ministry-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay;

(c) whether such dependent persons; can be employed in any office;

(d) if so, where and how; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND. TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): *(a)* Under the existing